

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 of the specification, please insert the following paragraphs immediately after the title:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/FR03/00889, filed March 20, 2003, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) of French Patent Application No. 02/03771, filed March 26, 2002, said applications being incorporated by reference herein in their entireties and relied upon.

Reference is also made to commonly assigned Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. 022702-104), which is the U.S. national stage of International Appln. No. PCT/FR03/00888, filed March 20, 2003, and which is concurrently filed herewith.